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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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WH31940 [REDACTED]

TO: AMBASSADOR HABIB, SEOUL  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
EYES ONLY FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. THE NORTH KOREAN THIRD SECRETARY IN PEKING CALLED THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE ON AUGUST 21 AND STATED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN CHARGE WOULD LIKE TO PAY A CALL ON "USLO CHIEF OR RESPONSIBLE PERSON AT A RESTAURANT OR OTHER CONVENIENT LOCATION INCLUDING THE USLO."

2. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD AGREE TO A MEETING AND LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD AGREE TO A SECOND MEETING UNLESS THE PRC IS PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ROK APPROACHES FOR CONTACT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AND THOSE OF PRESIDENT PARK. COULD YOU TALK WITH PARK ALONE REPEAT ALONE AND ADVISE US SOONEST OF YOUR VIEWS AND HIS. PLEASE URGE PARK TO AGREE TO A MEETING, SINCE WE BELIEVE THIS WILL ESTABLISH A BASIS FOR ROK CONTACTS WITH THE PRC.

WARM REGARDS.

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